General of Health Services are as under: —

Year	Cholera		A.D.D./G.D.	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1987	3	..	3642	474
1988	168	4	340153	1201
1989 (upto 15-7-89)	49	..	N.A.	N.A.

Damage, loss and destruction of IAF aircrafts

2602. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will he Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian Airforce aircrafts damaged, lost or destroyed during the last Five years;

(b) the total number of lives lost due to these mishaps;

(c) the total monetary losses due to these mishaps; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such damage and loss of lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) This type of information is not disclosed in the national security interest.

(d) Preventive action for minimising accidents is a continuous and on-going process. Every accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry and follow-up action is taken on its' recommendations. Periodical reviews and analysis of accidents are carried out to identify weak areas and initiate remedial action. In case of persistent or serious problems, joint studies are carried out specially with the help of manufacturers to work out solutions.

Contents of Citrus Flavoured Aerated cold drinks

2603. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Citrus-Flavoured Aerated cold drinks contain Carcinogenic Brominated vegetable oil;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation has warned against the use of this ingredient;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the other countries have banned this oil, which is unsafe for food items; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent use of this unsafe oil in food products in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI (RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) Bromiuated Vegetable Oils are generally added to citrus flavoured cold drinks. Food and Agricultural Organisation Nutrition meeting report series No. 48A WHO|FOOD|ADD|7039 have recommended long term studies on this chemical to establish its adverse effect.

According to the information available with this Ministry, the Government of Canada, U.S.A. and Australia permit use of Brominated Vegetable Oil and the Government of Japan, United Kingdom and West Germany have prohibited its use.

The Central Committee for Food Standards have recommended to discontinue use of Borminated Vegetable Oil in our country from 16.4.1990.

Opening of college of nursing at JIPMER

2604. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 715 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the proposal to start the College of Nursing at JIPMER, Pondicherry;

(b) if so, whether advertisement for recruitment of faculty members has been published, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any funds have been allocated in this regard; if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The issue of advertisement for recruitment of Faculty members does not arise at this stage as no decision has yet been taken for opening of the College of Nursing at JIPMER, Pondicherry. The actual opening of College of Nursing depends on the allocation of funds by the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance and fulfilment of other requirements like approval of the Indian Nursing Council.

Setting up of speed post counters

2605. SHRI PASUMPOI THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up speed post counters at the Post Offices of Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Already we have Speed Post booking counter at Indra-Prastha Head Post Office which is quite near to Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court Post Offices. The expected traffic from Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court Post Office does not justify setting up independent Speed Post Booking counters at Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court Post Offices.

Crash of HT-2 trainer aircraft

2606. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will he Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Captain (Flying Instructor) and a Wing Commander were killed in HT-2 trainer air craft accident which took off from Tambaram air base near Madras recently and that, after the incident, several aircrafts were found to be unserviceable;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of HT-2 aircrafts found to be obsolete and unserviceable, stating when these aircrafts were manufactured;

(d) what is the total number of casualties due to the accidents of these trainer aircrafts, so far;

(e) whether the Ministry of Defence had recommended for weeding out the obsolete and outdated HT-2 aircrafts, if so, when the recommendations was made by that Ministry and what are the reasons for continuous use of these aircrafts, despite the recommendation of the Ministry, resulting in accidents; and

(f) what action has been taken by Government to weed out the obsolete and unserviceable HT-2 aircrafts?